

CANAL TOLL FIGHT SHIFTS TO SENATE FOR LONG DEBATE

Administration is Victorious in House Where Repeal Measure Passes With Majority of 85 Votes.

EXPECT FINAL BALLOT IN MIDDLE OF MAY

Upper Chamber Will Indulge in Protracted Debate, O'Gorman Leading Opponents — Republicans With Wilson.

VOTE CONFUSION CLEARED.
WASHINGTON, April 1.—Confusion that existed for many hours over the vote in the house on the tolls repeal measure was cleared up today by the congressional record, which gave the official vote as follows: Ayes 247, noes 162; not voting, 23; present, 1.
The detailed vote by parties was as follows:
Republicans: Aye 23, no 93; voting present, 1; not voting, 6.
Democrats: Aye 220, no 52; not voting, 16.
Progressives: Aye 3, no 17.
Independent: Aye 1.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—With the administration victorious in the house in its fight to repeal the free tolls clause of the Panama canal act, the scene of conflict shifted Wednesday to the senate where the battle will be waged as hotly. The opponents of the measure were surprised by the majority of 85 which its supporters piled up in response to the plea of President Wilson in the house where it was carried by a vote of 247 to 162.

The fate of the bill in the senate is uncertain. Its advocates claim a majority of from two to five in the upper chamber. The debate in the senate certainly will be protracted. The general opinion is that the measure will last from six weeks to two months, with the probability that the final vote will be taken about May 15. Final action depends in great measure on the action taken by the committee on inter-oceanic canals, which will take up consideration of the repeal measure next week.

O'Gorman to Lead Fight.
Senator O'Gorman of New York is chairman of this committee and he is the leading democratic opponent of the president's repeal policy in the senate. Despite O'Gorman's opposition, however, it is not believed that any attempt will be made to pigeon hole the measure, though it is not expected that any immediate action will be taken. The other members of the committee are Senators Thornton of Louisiana, Chilton of West Virginia, Shields of Tennessee, Walsh of Montana, Thomas of Colorado, Owen of Oklahoma, Simmons of North Carolina, Brandegee of Connecticut, Borah of Idaho, Cramer of South Dakota, Bristow of Kansas, Perkins of California, and Page of Vermont.

Senator Brandegee, a republican, is expected to devote his help to the administration while the bill is in committee and when it reaches the senate floor four other republican senators, Root, Lodge, McComber and Burton, will line up with the president. The vote in the senate is sure to show a split is not expected to be so marked as in the lower chamber, where 93 voted no and 23 voted aye.

Three votes were necessary in the house Tuesday. The first vote came on Republican Leader Mann's motion to have the engrossed bill presented to the house and read. This motion was for delay, that members might have a chance to consider the arguments made for free tolls. The motion was beaten down by a vote of 247 to 160. The 87 majority against Mann's motion, considered dilatory by the Wilson leaders, showed the strength of the Wilson band.

Mann Tries to Stem Tide.
Again Mann tried to stem the tide with a motion to re-commit the bill for amendment in committee. This was suggested by Speaker Clark, who urged that the whole matter of tolls be left open to this government for two years.

On the roll call, demanded by Mr. Mann, the Wilson forces showed a strength of 222 to 176, a majority of 46 that would brook no delay in the final settlement by the house on the question of the tolls. The Wilson forces showed a defeat awaiting him, Mr. Mann interposed no further delay on the final vote on passage of the repealing bill.

NEW CUSTOMS OFFICER IS FRIEND OF LABOR



Special Correspondence.
DENVER, April 1.—George E. Hosmer has been made collector of customs in Denver. Since Hosmer "broke" when as editor of the Trinidad Advertiser he espoused the cause of the striking Colorado miners, he has been known in the southwest as the "friend of labor."

NEW C. OF C. SECRETARY ARRIVES ON SCHEDULE

H. G. Spaulding, Pine Bluff, Ark., Here to Take Charge of Commercial Organization.

H. G. Spaulding, new secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, arrived in South Bend Wednesday, April 1, on schedule time, and assumes immediate charge of the organization.
"The first thing we will probably do will be to build the organization up," said the new secretary. He declined to discuss definite plans, though admitting that he had a few well in mind. "I want to go over them with the board of directors first," he said.
The board of directors meets at 4:30 this afternoon, and consideration of the tentative plans of the secretary will doubtless be one of the features of the meeting.

Spaulding left Pine Bluff, Ark., his former home, Monday, coming by way of St. Louis and Chicago. From Chicago before coming to South Bend, he visited Battle Creek, Mich., where Mrs. Spaulding's mother recently died.

Enough was dropped by the new secretary to indicate that among the things he has in mind is first direct benefit to every member. He mentioned a retail credit bureau and a traffic bureau as important features to that end.

From looking over South Bend he comes here full of hope, and expresses the belief that a splendid organization can be built up, which every member will take pride in.
Mr. Spaulding is a former newspaper man, but has been connected with commercial organization and promotion for the past several years, particularly in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, from which latter state he now hails.

SAYS RAILROADS CAN RUN WITHOUT RAISE

President Delano Says Some Lines Need Even Bigger Help, However, Than That Proposed.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—At the hearings today before the I. C. C. on the petition of the railroads to be allowed to increase freight rates 5 per cent, Frederick A. Delano, president of the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville railroad, stated that there are a number of railroads in official classification territory that could get along easily without such an increase.
"There are other roads, however, which are so poor that the five per cent increase is wholly inadequate," the witness stated. These roads will have to be helped and the commission should without hesitation come to their rescue."

FAIL TO GET SANCTION FOR STRIKE; RAILROAD MEN FORM NEW UNION

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 1.—After a peaceful night, marked by no reports of violence, the strike situation on the Monongahela division of the Pennsylvania railroad is practically unchanged today. Railroad officials claim that freight traffic has resumed about its normal activity and that the company had a surplus of 380 men employed. This is disputed by the strikers' committee, who declare that the division is paralyzed and that the railroad is unable to operate regular trains because the strike breakers employed are without experience. All the strikers have withdrawn from the National Railway Men's union and have formed the Industrial Railroad union. They declare that President Lee of the national organization has double crossed them by refusing to sanction the strike.

HIGH SCHOOL SAFE ROBBED OF \$135

Money for Senior Commencement Invitations is Missing — Glass Panes Cut By Thief to Reach Vault.

After an absence of several weeks thieves again made their appearance at the high school Tuesday night, and carried away \$135, which had been collected by the senior class to pay for commencement invitations.

The money was placed in the steel vault in the principal's office, by Jewell Longley, chairman of the invitations committee, several days ago, and sums were added from time to time as the students paid up.

The safe is built into the wall of the principal's private office, to which there are two doors. One leads direct from the hall, while the other leads to the public office of the principal. This other office has one door leading into the hall. The thief used a glass pane in the outer door of the principal's office, and probably with the aid of a master key unlocked the door.

A pane of glass was partly cut from the door of the public office of the principal. The vault door was unlocked and after getting into the private office the thief had a comparatively easy time of it.

The theft was not discovered until school convened this morning, when Principal Sims, who had occasion to enter the vault, discovered the loss of the money.

That the theft was committed either shortly after six o'clock or after night school had adjourned, is believed, as several teachers of the night classes and the school janitor, who were on the second floor, nor saw a light of any kind. Their rooms are situated in the basement.

Principal Sims Wednesday declined to say anything concerning the theft. The matter has not been placed in the hands of the police, as rumor has it, that there is a clue to the identity of the thief.

President Livengood, of the senior class, and Chairman Longley were not inclined to speak of the matter, nor were any of the members of the class.

CLUB WOMEN STUDY CITY WELFARE



TIFFIN, O.—Plans for an extensive exhibit of city welfare work to be made at the federated club women's convention in Chicago have been almost completed by Mrs. Samuel B. Sneath, of this city. As second vice president of the General Federation of Women's clubs, Mrs. Sneath has charge of the entire program to be given at the convention in Chicago, June 9-13.

REBELS BELIEVE VILLA DELAYING NEWS OF BATTLE

Federal Reinforcements Engaged Near Porros—Main Plaza Has Fallen Into Hands of Attacking Forces.

HUERTA DENIES THAT TORREON HAS FALLEN

President Addresses Message on Finance to Congress—Fight is Renewed When Terms Are Rejected.

JUAREZ, April 1.—That Torreón has not fallen is the general belief among rebel officers here Wednesday. They think, however, that General Villa is delaying the announcement of his victory until he can also report the complete defeat of federal reinforcements, who were sent from Monterrey and Saltillo to the aid of General Velasco, the government commander at Torreón.

A despatch received by General Villa's wife from the rebel commander stated that a battle between two of his brigades and the advancing government troops was going on early Wednesday east of Torreón. The scene of the battle is believed to be near Porros.

For several days Villa has had his scouts watching the territory between Saltillo and Torreón. Late last night he received a report that the federal forces, led by General Maas and General de Mouré were near Porros. He immediately despatched the brigade of General Urbina and General Herrera to meet the federalists.

According to semi-official information secured at rebel headquarters Wednesday, General Villa captured the main plaza of Torreón late Tuesday afternoon in a battle that caused terrific losses on both sides. The main plaza of Torreón has been the chief object of General Villa's forces. The armistice which was agreed upon Sunday afternoon is said to have ended at 8 o'clock yesterday morning with the complete rejection of General Villa's terms of surrender offered by General Velasco.

Though the rebel officers refused to discuss Villa's purpose in withholding news of the capture of Torreón, observers of Villa's methods of warfare believe that he is holding back the news in order that he may execute the prisoners he has taken and loot the city without having to disregard any orders that Provisional President Carranza might issue.

This theory is borne out by the fact that one important message, which General Carranza is said to have attempted to send to Villa's field head (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWELVE)

COUNTY CHAIRMEN TO TALK PRIMARY

Plan to Get Together in Few Days and Agree Upon Date — Some Candidates Already Mentioned.

County chairmen of the three leading political parties will get together in the course of a few days and try agreeing upon a date for holding the county nominating primaries, according to Rudolph Ackermann, chairman for the democrats. Chairman Ackermann appears to have had the matter under advisement with the other chairmen already, and is agreeable to all appears to be among their ambitions. Whether the primary is likely to come early or late, he declined to speculate.

The state primary law leaves it to the party chairmen to agree upon a date, if possible, the county commissioners otherwise to fix the time and places. Two years ago the primary was held on the 19th of June. A brief of the law is being prepared by Secretary Otis Romine of the democratic committee, and a sort of campaign of education is likely to precede the primary that the people may more fully understand the requirements.

Among the candidates that are being touted for primary nominations, those mentioned for the superior court judgeship seem to be attracting the most attention. For the democratic ticket the names of Harry A. Stels, G. A. Farabaugh and Isaac Kane Parks stand forth most prominently, while for the progressive ticket W. B. Miller stands alone, and likewise Fred Woodward for the republican ticket.

President Montgomery, Treasurer Fred Martin and Auditor Sedgwick will be candidates for re-election, the two former on the democratic, and the latter on the republican ticket. County Clerk Christoph and Recorder Lehman, it is said, will have to step down and out, having each had a re-election. Patrick A. Joyce may be a candidate for the democratic nomination for auditor, and Recorder Lehman may seek the office of clerk as a progressive.

Villa's Flat Car Artillery Moving By Rail Towards Torreon.



This shows the rebel Capt. Jose Gutierrez going into action in the battle of Torreón. Capt. Gutierrez' machine gun was fastened to the flat car at the fore end of a long string of flat cars, the armored locomotive being in the rear. Capt. Gutierrez' practice is to make sudden, flying dashes down the line into the enemy's territory, working the machine gun to its limit. When the battle gets too hot for him he signals the engineer and they fly back to safety.

INDIANA MINE DISTRICT CLOSED; POSSIBILITY OF GENERAL STRIKE LOOMS

CHICAGO, April 1.—With all the coal mines in district No. 8, centering in Brazil, Ind., and half of the 500 mines in Ohio closed down and members of the United Mine Workers threatening to walk out in Illinois and western Pennsylvania bituminous regions Wednesday, the possibility of a general strike loomed large.

The wage agreement under which the miners have been working for two years expired at midnight. The union men who are in the mines Wednesday are working under the old wage agreement, pending a settlement of the differences by conference between the operators and representatives of the United Mine Workers of America.

A conference between the Illinois operators and union men is scheduled for tomorrow in Peoria where a convention of the miners last night decided not to declare a strike. Leaders of the mines Wednesday expressed themselves as hopeful that they would reach a settlement that will be approved by a referendum vote of the union.

None of the mines in the Brazil, Ind., district will be opened until a new agreement has been effected. The operators of the district have signified a willingness to confer with union representatives over the question of wages.

NEUPERT CASE DECISION CALLS WALL FIRE TRAP

Judge Funk Fails to Uphold Fire Marshal in His Orders to Owners.

Ruling against Bertha and Anna Neupert in the "state fire marshal" case and failing to uphold the request of that official, Judge Walter A. Funk handed down a rather unexpected decision in the dispute over the wall between the Honer and Neupert properties on Michigan street in the circuit court Wednesday afternoon.

OWEN ASSURES WILSON TOLL BILL WILL HAVE MAJORITY IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, called at the white house today and told President Wilson that the Panama tolls repeal measure would have a majority of at least sixteen in the senate. This was the largest estimate made by any of the administration leaders in the senate.

Senator Owen predicted that many republicans now on the doubtful list would be found voting with the president's supporters on the final ballot. Senator Owen threw down the gage of battle to Senator O'Gorman when he learned that the chairman of the inter-oceanic canals committee had set the first meeting for next Tuesday and that the indications pointed to a long consideration of the repeals measure in committee.

KENTUCKY GRAND JURY IS PROBING DEATH OF CHICAGO SOCIETY GIRL

LEXINGTON, Ky., April 1.—The Fayette county grand jury which will be impaneled next Monday, will be asked to investigate the mysterious death of Mrs. Laura Wilder Simpson, former society girl of Chicago, and bride of Laurence Simpson, at her husband's country home, ten miles from here on the morning of Feb. 22.

Coroner Gordon in an interview today said that he was not satisfied with the evidence presented to his jury, indicating that Mrs. Simpson's death was a suicide or an accidental shooting. The young woman was found with a bullet hole in her temple and died without regaining consciousness a few hours later. Doctors at the Kentucky State university are examining Mrs. Simpson's brain and the result of their examination will be given to the grand jury.

MILLIONAIRE MAKING A BATTLE FOR LIFE

CINCINNATI, O., April 1.—John C. Mayo, one time mountain school teacher and now a multi-millionaire, is making a hard fight for his life here, endeavoring to overcome a disease devoted to the coal magnate and his attendants and the best specialists in New York and other cities have been brought here.

QUARRELS OVER BOYS, GIRL TRIES TO TAKE HER LIFE

Esther Bodine, 17 Years Old, Revived By Pulmotor and Now Has Chance for Recovery, Doctors Say.

INHALED CHLOROFORM AND TURNED ON GAS

Prostrate Body is Found By Neighbor Attracted by Fumes — Father Had Warned Her to Shun Youths.

An attempt to commit suicide by asphyxiation Wednesday morning by Esther Bodine, 17-year-old daughter of Peter Bodine, 320 S. S. Carroll st., was frustrated by the prompt use of the pulmotor.

The girl was found prostrate on the floor of the kitchen by Floyd Hood, a neighbor, who called to the police. The house as he was passing by the fumes of gas. Peering beneath the partly drawn blinds Hood saw the girl's body on the floor.

As soon as he entered the house he called Dr. R. L. Sensesich and the physician sent the call for the police pulmotor immediately on his arrival. After he had worked for nearly two hours over the girl breathing was restored and the girl revived. Although admittedly in a critical condition the girl is now said to have a chance for recovery.

Locked Self in Kitchen.
Angered because her father objected to her keeping company with certain young men, Miss Bodine made an effort to take her own life by locking herself in the kitchen of their home and turning on the gas. She bound clothes saturated with chloroform about her head. Two bottles which had contained the liquid were found clenched in her hands.

A note was found on the table near her, which told the world goodbye and stated that she wished all her clothing to be given to a woman friend. Photographs of boy friends, who she has been acquainted with, were found near her on the floor as well as letters received from boys at various times. Police took the notes and letters and refused to give out any information concerning them, except to say that they were personal.

The girl has been living with her father since her mother's death, when she was a baby. Quarrels with her parent because of the boys she meets, it is said, have been frequent. Once before, it is reported, she left home but consented to return when a reconciliation had been effected.

Four Boys Call.
Tuesday night a girl friend visited her and four different boys called. Her father objected to her seeing them, but she allowed them to come against his wishes, it is said. When the father came home the boys were there. It is said he ordered them to leave and then a quarrel followed with his daughter.

Wednesday morning while her father was at work the girl made the attempt. The police were called with every jet turned on and the room was filled with gas. Hood could not effect an entrance alone and called help.

TANK WAGON STRUCK, DRIVER IS BADLY HURT

One Horse Killed and Other Injured When Train Hits Truck at Scott Street Crossing.

Michael Kopinski, 1301 Dunham st., was hurled from the seat of a Standard Oil wagon and seriously injured at 11:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, when his tank truck was struck by a fast train on the Lake Shore railroad at the Scott st. crossing. One of the horses was killed and the other badly injured. The wagon was demolished. Kopinski, who was driving the truck, when he heard the train whistle, tried to get out of the way but was unable to do so. He was thrown headfirst to the street and sustained injuries to his head and legs. The police ambulance removed him to Epworth hospital, where it was found that no bones had been broken. Dr. S. L. Kikmer is attending him. He will recover.

The fire department was called out to sprinkle the tracks and timbers which were covered with oil from the large tank of the wagon.

LAWRENCE BANK CLOSES

Rumor of Insolvency Brings Run—Condition Sound.

PAW PAW, April 1.—The Farmers and Merchants bank at Lawrence is closed. James L. Welch, president of the concern, is suffering from a nervous collapse and a receiver is in charge of the affairs of the concern. The former president of the bank, who was merged with the present concern, caused a rumor that the present institution was tottering and farmers from miles around flocked in to get their money. The bank will probably reopen shortly.